

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been divided into Groups as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-11, drawn to a packaged beverage comprising a low caffeine green tea extract.

Group II: Claims 12-19 and 22-25, drawn to a process for production of a low caffeine green tea extract.

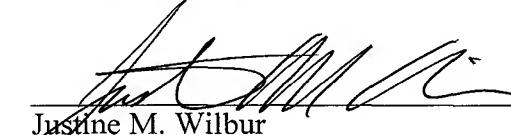
Group III: Claims 20 and 21, drawn to a low caffeine green tea extract.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II, Claims 12-19 and 22-25 (drawn to a process for production of a low caffeine green tea extract), for examination.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

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